

Title II State Plan Survey

Total Questions

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Total Responses

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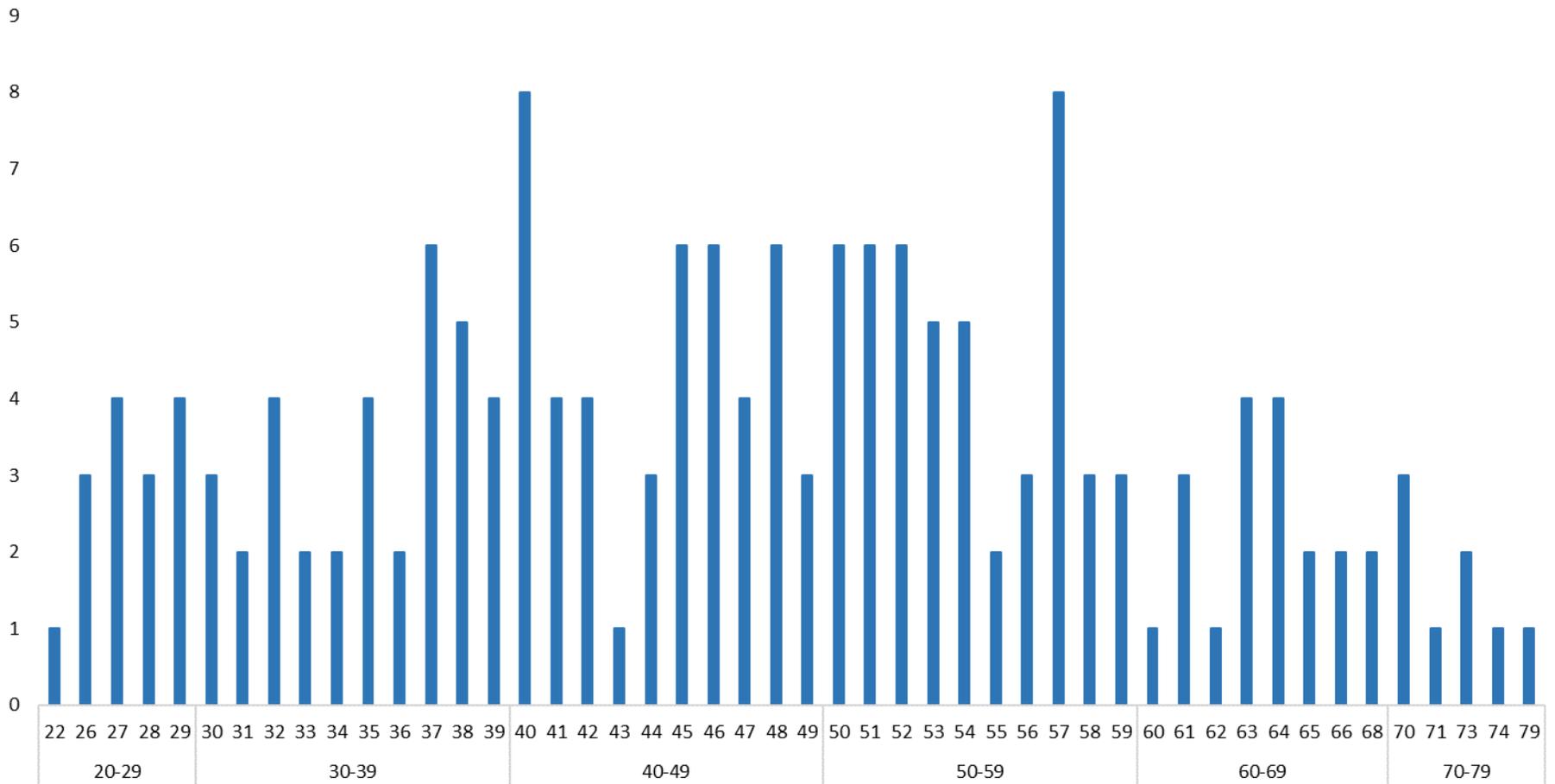
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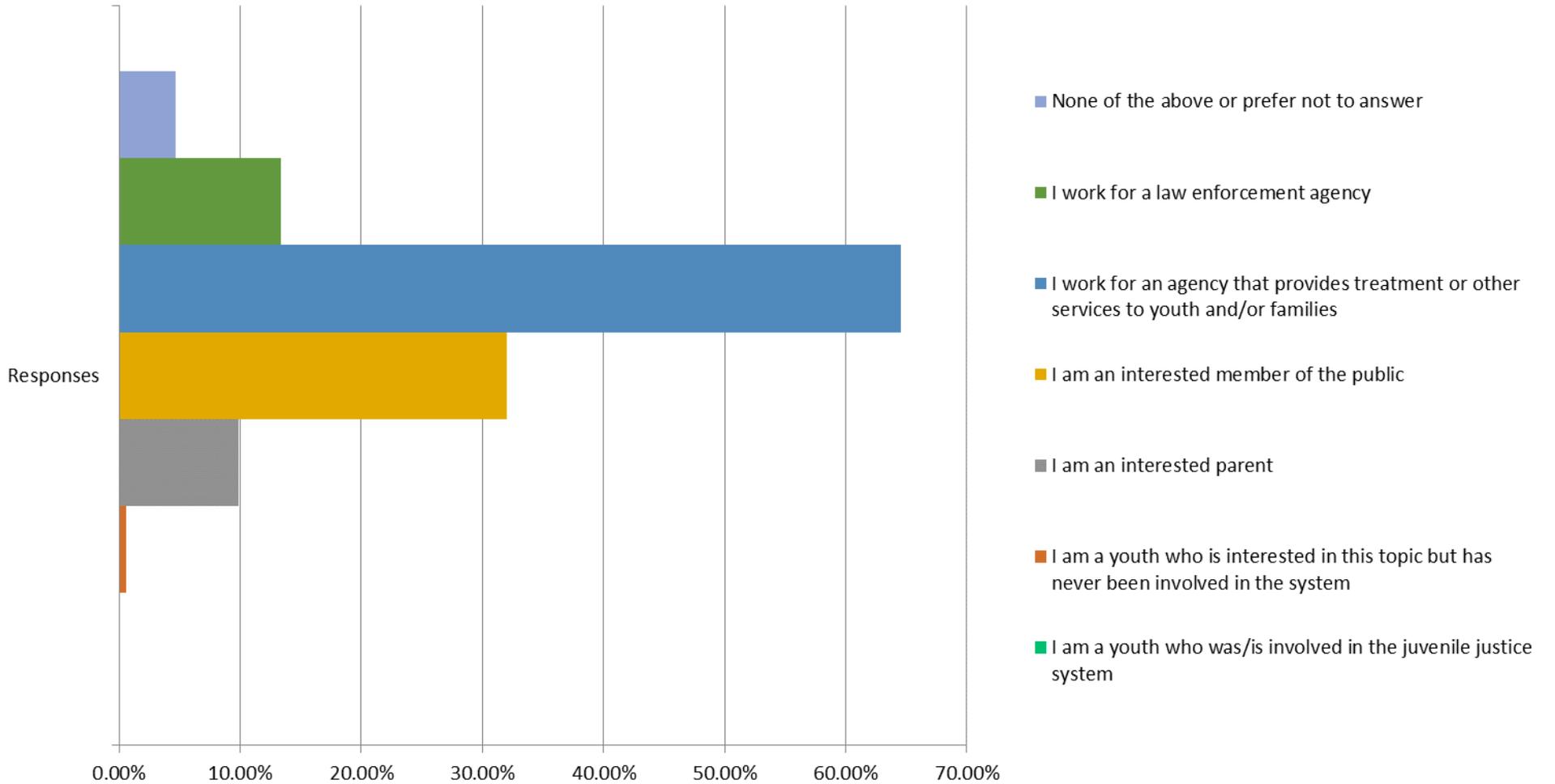
Q1. Survey respondents by age

Answered: 168 Skipped: 4



Q3. What is your relationship to the issue?

Answered: 172 Skipped: 0



Q4. What are the most important changes that need to be made in your community to improve the overall well-being of youth?

Answered: 167 Skipped: 5

Low income assistance services/program

- Access to housing
 - Transitional Age Youth (TAY) programs
 - Access to transitional housing
 - Access to emergency shelter
 - Host home coordination
 - Rental assistance
 - Provision of Section 8 housing vouchers
- Assistance to homeless youth
- Access to affordable healthcare services
- Transportation assistance
- Improvement of the low-income communities-law enforcement relationship
- Sufficient staffing for social services departments and programs

Mental health services/program

- Access to mobile mental health clinicians that accept Medi-Cal
- Access to trauma treatment for parents
- Improvement of the Mental health treatment team staffing

Substance abuse services/programs

- Opiate addiction assistance
- Drug abuse counselling
- Residential alcohol/drug rehabilitation
- Improvements around substance abuse treatment providers
- Provision of quality evidence-based substance abuse treatment
- Improvements around the outpatient youth treatment CBOs

School-based services/programs

- Increased funding for public schools
- Access to quality education for low income families
- Creating more teacher incentives
- Sufficient staffing
- Access to special education
- Access to tutoring in public schools
- Access to counselling
- Access to mentorship programs
- Education on implicit bias and de-escalation techniques for police officers
- Access to culturally relevant activities
- Education on cultural diversity
- Access to libraries
- Access to weekend and summer programs
- Access to afterschool programs:
 - Recreation
 - Art programs
 - Pro-social activities vs. over-reliance on technology
 - Boys & Girls Club

- YMCA
- Elimination of mandatory referrals for suspension and expulsion
- Use of positive reinforcement techniques
- Education on discrimination and racism

Employment-based training/programs

- Access to job training and career counselling
- Access to vocational training
- Access to paid employment trade schools

Family-based services/programs

- Access to single-parent family services
- Access to childcare support for single/working parents
- Access to services for young/new parents
- Family events
- Access to services for youth raised in foster care
- Access to domestic violence treatment services
- Home environment safety evaluation
- Access to services for children involved in parental bullying
- Outreach to non-compliant parents

Community-based services/programs

- Access to community-based organizations and resources
 - Recreation services for youth
 - Cultural activities
 - Improvement of cultural competences for officials, educators, and service agencies
- Community outreach

Rural communities-based services/programs

- Child psychiatry in rural areas

Age appropriate services/programs

Gender appropriate services/programs

R.E.D. Program

- Tackling overrepresentation of black and Latino youth in the justice system
- Addressing racial and ethnic disparities in justice system and agencies involved with youth

Juvenile Justice and Crime Prevention measures and programs

- Focus on restorative services vs. institutionalized punitive punishment
- Focus on early prevention/intervention programs
- Focus on evidence based programs
- Focus on diversion programs
 - Keeping juveniles out of court system
 - Emphasis on the county-based programs
 - Investment in non-jail alternatives
- Access to restorative justice grants
- Gang/violence prevention programs
- Addressing human trafficking
- Addressing sexual exploitation

Re-entry programs

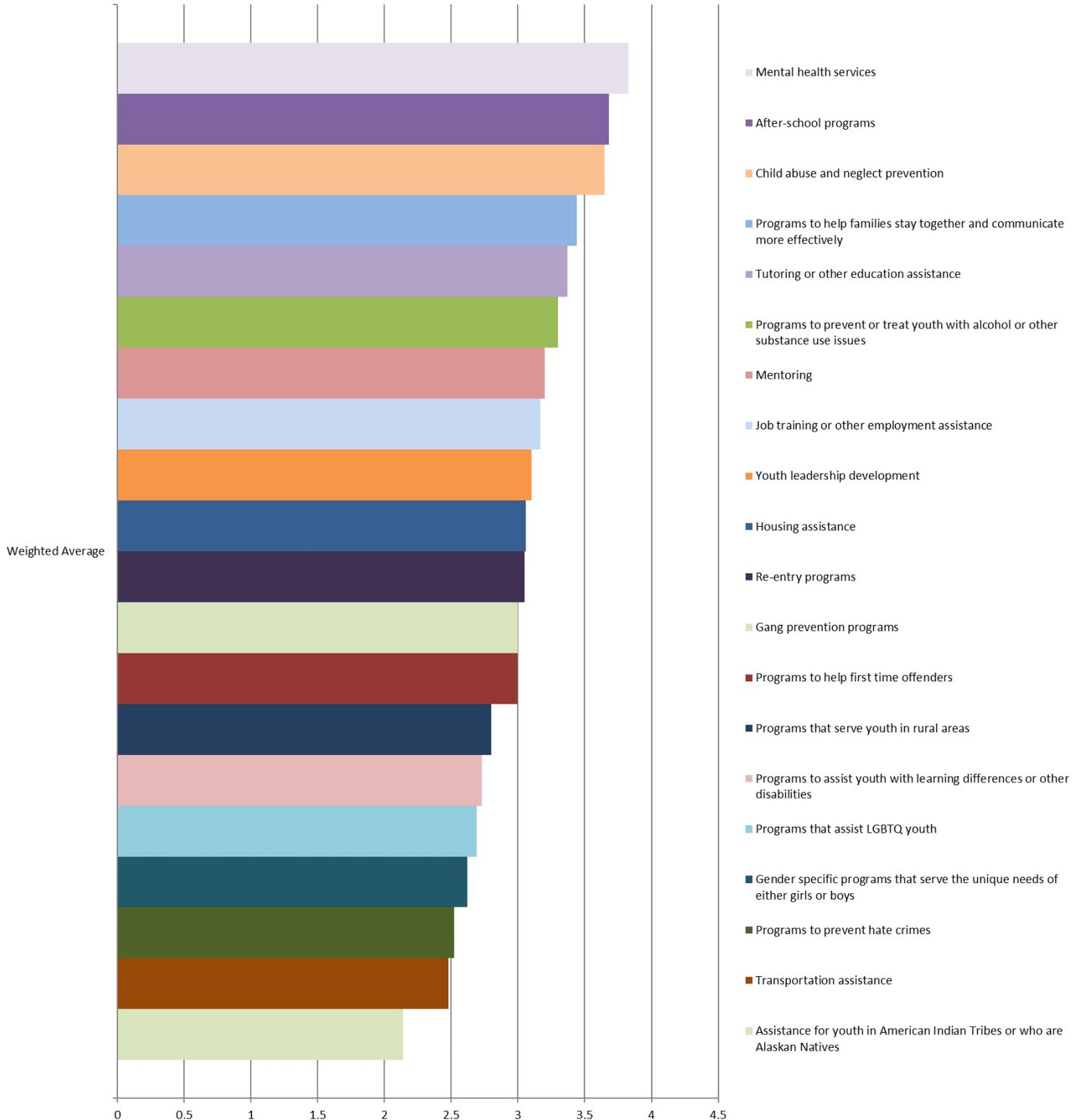
- Access to quality rehabilitation programs
- Access to quality transitional programs
- Access to housing, services and resources after release

- Community follow-up and support after incarceration
- Inter-departmental collaboration between service providers**
- Quality assurance, data collection and reporting**

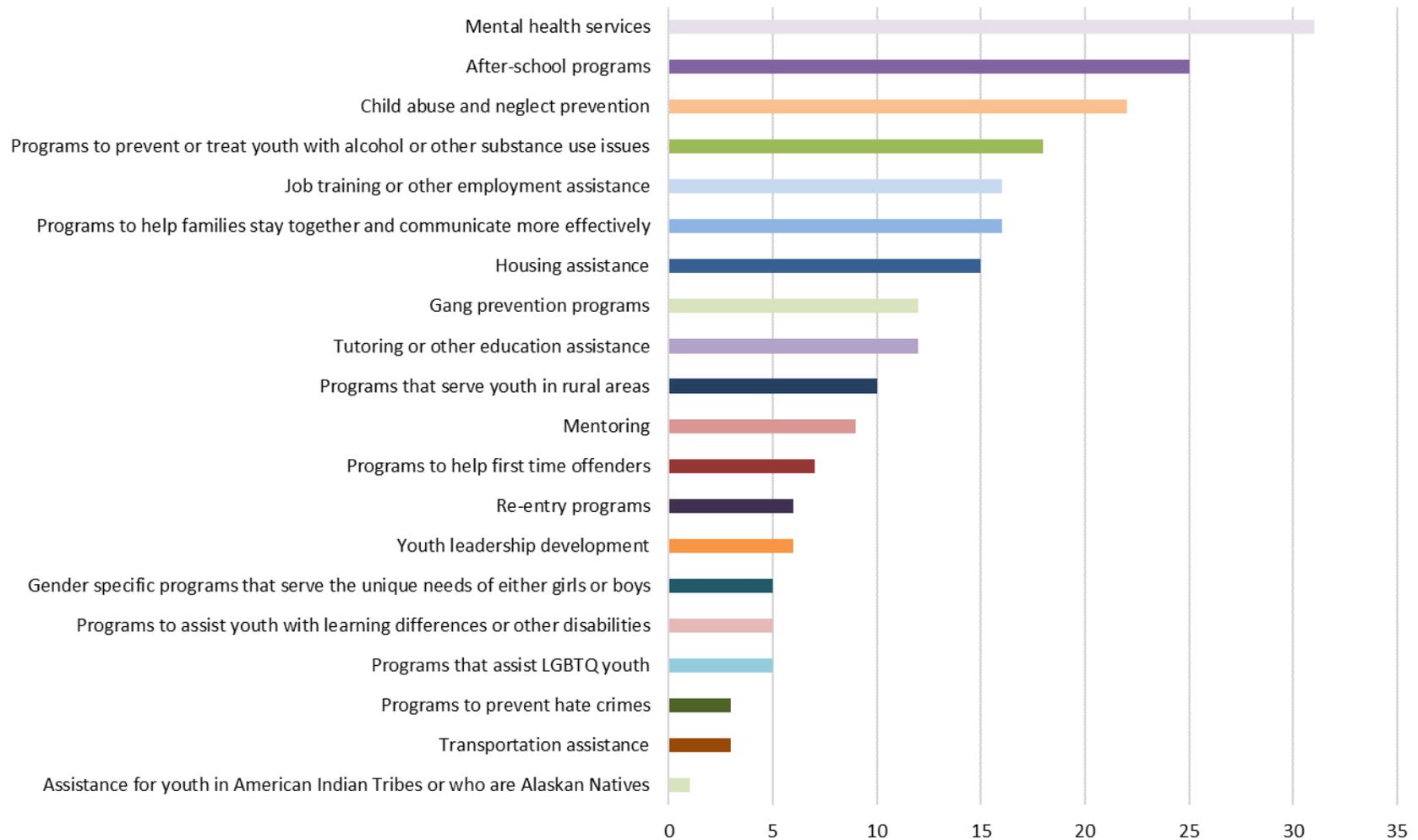
Q5. Please indicate below what you consider to be the very highest priority program type(s) to receive this limited funding on the scale of 1 to 5 (1 - the lowest priority, 5 - the highest priority).

Answered: 170 Skipped: 2

(Each respondent could select one "5," one "4," etc. such that no individual respondent was able to identify more than 5 total priority areas)



Q5 (cont.) The highest priority programs with the score of 5



Q6. Are there specific programs you've found to be highly effective in assisting youth? If so, please use the space below to name them or describe them.

Answered: 130 Skipped: 42

Low income assistance services/programs

- Agencies assisting with supportive housing
- TAY Tunnel housing assistance
- SHORE housing through Ventura Housing Authority, with transferable Section 8 Vouchers
- Homeless services housing assistance for homeless families
- Interface Safe House
- Thirtymillionwords.org
- One Step a la Vez
- Children's Auxiliary to assist foster families with expenses not covered by foster care payments
- Transportation support
- Free counselling programs for youth
- School on Wheels tutoring for homeless youth
- Street outreach

Mental health services/programs

- Trauma focused cognitive behavioral therapy (TFCBT)
- Therapeutic Behavioral Skills Program (TBS)
- Behavioral Wellness
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)
- Ventura County Behavioral Health
- Individual and group counselling
- TAY Tunnel
- Thinking for a Change
- Pacific Clinics
- Animal/pet therapy
- Art therapy
- Play therapy
- Learning disabilities treatment
- Rape Trauma Services
- Resiliency Interventions for Sexual Exploitation
- Interface Youth Programs (Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking, Runway and Homeless Youth)
- Aggression Replacement Training (A.R.T.)
- Alternatives to Violence Project

Substance abuse services/programs

- Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center
- Daniel Bryant Youth & Family Treatment Center
- Drug Prevention and Treatment
- Juvenile Drug Court
- Residential drug rehabilitation programs
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Residential alcohol treatment
- Alcoholics Anonymous

School-based services/programs

- Coalition for Engaged Education and their community partners
- Literacy Programs
- School based mentorships
- Vocational education programs
- Project-based learning method
- Project Change
- 4-H
- Future Farmers of America (FFA) Program
- Each One Reach One
- Street Law
- Fresh Lifelines for Youth
- Reality Changers
- Public library programs
- Afterschool programs
 - Homework assistance
 - Self-expression programs
 - Boys & Girls Club
 - Girl and Boy Scouts
 - Youth Interactive
 - Model United Nations
 - Youth and Government
- Summer school programs
 - Upward Bound
 - EOP
 - EOPS
- YEP
- Some program where inmates visit schools
- Start Smart Teen Safety Program
- Assistance for children who cannot afford to play sports

Employment-based training/programs

- Job training and apprenticeships
- Job placement and interview training
- Summer youth employment programs
- Internship programs
- Volunteer programs
- Regional Occupational Program (ROP)
- YEP
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Program

Family-based services/programs

- Early childhood programs
- Incredible Years
- Infant/Child Enrichment Services (ICES)
- Parent-Child Interaction Therapy
- Functional Family Therapy
- Parent Project
- Positive Parenting Program
- Family Service Agency
- Family Resource Centers

- Strengthening Families Program
- In-home parenting services
- Family home visiting
- Homebuilders
- Family Counseling
- Nurse-Family Partnership
- Thirtymillionwords.org
- Staying Connected with Your Teen
- Wraparound
- First 5
- Casa Pacifica
- Foster Youth
- YMCA
- Cal-Learn

Community-based services/programs

- Restoration Outreach Programs
- Church youth groups
- Community centers with arts, sports and leadership opportunities
- Los Compadre
- Fighting back: Santa Maria Valley
- Freedom 4 Youth
- Friday Night Live
- A Different Point of View
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of America
- Homeboy Ministries, LA
- Explorer Program

Rural communities-based services/programs

- Afterschool programs
- Mentorship for probationary youth
- Job training
- Job finding assistance
- Cultural field trips
- Restorative Justice
- MRT
- Rural Juvenile Probation Camp settings

Gender appropriate services/ programs

- Gender dysphoria clinic at VCMC

Culturally responsive programs

- National Latino Network (Casa de Esperanza)
 - Cara y Corazon
 - MEChA Xinachtli Mission
 - Joven Noble
- Circle Keepers
- One Step a la Vez
- Santa Maria Valley Youth & Family Center

Diversion programs

- Youth Courts
 - CADA's Teen Court Diversion Program

- Gang Resistance and Education Training (G.R.E.A.T.)
- Youth Restorative Intervention
- Centinela Youth Services
- Evening Reporting Center
- Juvenile Specialty Courts
- California PAL

Probation-based programs

- Sonoma County Probation Camp

Re-entry programs

- Any program in the community that fosters follow-up from treatment from facilities
- Restorative justice

Inter-departmental collaboration between service providers

Q7. What is the most important systemic change you feel should be made to help youth succeed?

Answered: 151 Skipped: 21

Social system

- Addressing essential needs
 - Food, shelter, safety and security
- Addressing extreme poverty
 - Preventative measures for homelessness
- Education and job opportunities
- Affordable childcare services
- Affordable maternal and paternal leave
- Reassessing fines and fees

Mental health system

- Effective therapy services for youth and their families
- Mental health placement services
- Trauma informed services

Substance abuse

Education system

- Addressing the overall need for change in the education system
 - Robust K-12 education
 - Early education programs
 - Smaller class size
 - Better support system for students
 - Investment in public education
 - Free community college for all
 - Distributing funding towards teachers' training
 - Training teachers to motivate children to be critical thinkers and purposeful actors
 - Afterschool programs
 - Greater focus on creativity
 - Involvement in school clubs
 - Strength-Based learning and Growth Mindset
 - Individualized attention to each child and focus on strengths instead of weaknesses
 - Lunch programs
 - After school tutoring for all
 - Mentoring
 - More vocational training in high schools
- School interventions
 - Mental health interventions provided through schools
 - Skills to identify warning signs before the arrest and expulsion
 - Addressing disability issues more thoroughly and offering services to the whole families
- More funding for public libraries

Employment system

- Job training
- Job-ready programs, including return of driver's education
- Financial management education

Family support system

- Family assistance programs

- Family strengthening programs
- Parent education programs
- Home intervention programs

Community support system

- Community involvement
 - Involvement through mentoring and supportive services
 - Cultural diversity services
 - Cultural and linguistic competencies
 - Ethnic studies at a young age
 - Cultural competence, proficiency and equity
 - Foster youth services
 - Education for children about community resources

Juvenile Justice system restructuring

- Focusing on prevention and alternatives to incarceration and detention
 - Restitution instead of imprisonment
 - Providing funding for non-jail alternatives
 - Restorative justice
 - Stopping the gang registration base
 - Providing opportunities instead of punishment
 - Juvenile diversion programs
 - Direct referrals from law enforcement to diversion
 - Greater consideration of the underlying causes and correlates
 - More time on rehabilitation vs. punitive measures
 - More effective use of de-escalation
- Changes in the governmental departments responsible for juveniles
- Increased financial support from Counties to Probation

Re-entry

- Respite housing
- Quality re-entry programs (education, employment resources and life skills, mental health and substance abuse treatment)
- More resources for rehabilitation

A paradigm shift in general approaches to young people

- Treating youth as children rather than criminals
- Valuing youth and providing community support for their growth
- Showing juveniles care and consideration
- Listening attentively
- Changing the belief that incarceration ‘assists’ youth
- Instilling positive behavioral reinforcement and outlook in behavioral treatment
- Avoiding labels
- Youth Centered Approach
- Acknowledging children’s autonomy and knowledge
- Teaching youth about personal responsibility and self-reliance
- Un-normalizing violence

Racial and ethnic disparities

- Addressing institutional racism and systemic inequalities

Data collection and information sharing

- Information sharing across all relevant agencies and departments
 - ‘One door’ model – once you enter the system, receive access to all services

- Simplifying the system
- Integrated and/or closely coordinated services across agencies
- Networked services

In addition

- More youth driven programs
- More funding streams for non-profit organizations have direct contact with youth
- More programs to help youth cope in society
- Civic and leadership training